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SUBJECT.

Appointment of archaks to the Sri Thomasayadswamy temple in Halasur-post, Bangalore City.

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Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,

Bangalore, 5th April *1941.*

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From

Rukn-ul-Mulk
S. ABDUL WAJID, B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

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To

J. APPAJI GOWDA, ESQ., B.A. (HONS.),
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General *Department.*

GENERAL SECRETARY.
8 APR. 1941

Sir,

Re: the appointment of archaks to the Sri Dharmarayaswamy Temple in Halasurpet, Bangalore City.

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Adverting to Government Order No.613-4/Muz.221-32-4 dated 6th November 1933 regarding the above, I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of Government, copies of the marginally noted letters received from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, together with a copy of this Office Order No. Dl.Dis. 40-41, dated 5th April 1941, approving of the action taken by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, in having confirmed the present temporary archaks of the Sri Dharmarayaswamy Temple in Halsurpet, Bangalore City, in their present appointments and directing them to attend to their duties by rotation as hithertofore, subject to the condition that in case any or both the archaks are unable to carry the Karaga, owing to any reason, the local Muzrai Officer may nominate a suitable person irrespective of the party to which he belongs, for performing the function during the Karaga Festival.

1) C3.220/40-41 dated 15-9-1940.
2) -do- " 15-3-1941.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Muzrai Commissioner.

BRN.

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Serial No.

ORDER OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

LETTER NO :-

G.O. No.613-4/Muz.221-32-4 dated 6-11-1933 approving of the arrangement made for the appointment as Gumasta archaks of two persons, each a nominee of the two rival parties of the Thigalar Community for conducting puja and carrying the Karaga by rotation in alternate years in the Sri Dharmarayaswami Temple at Halasurpet, Bangalore City.

2) Correspondence ending with letter No.C3.29)/40-41 dated 15th March 1941 from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, requesting, in the circumstances stated, approval to the action taken by him to confirm the present temporary archaks in their appointments, subject to the condition that in case any or both of the archaks, are unable to carry the Karaga owing to any reason, the local Muzrai Officer may nominate a suitable person irrespective of the party to which he belongs, for performing the function during the Karaga festival.

ORDER NO. Dl.Dis. /40-41. Bangalore, Dated 5th April 1941.

It is reported that the above Gumasta archaks have been attending to their duties satisfactorily without giving room for any complaint and that the Deputy Commissioner has, therefore ordered their confirmation in their present appointments and directed them to attend to their duties by rotation as hitherto. In this connection, it is also brought to notice that in the event of any or both the Pujaries being unable to carry the 'Karaga' owing to any reason, the party leaders select incompetent persons from among their own parties, with the result that the Karaga function fails. The Deputy Commissioner considers that if the appointment of a Pujari should be made subject to its approval by the Dharmadarsis, it would not help the speedy disposal of the work at the last moment, if the Dharmadarsis are divided in their opinion, etc., To provide for a contingency that may arise at the last moment, the Deputy Commissioner has ordered that the local Muzrai Officer may nominate a suitable person irrespective of the party to which he belongs for performing the function during the Karaga festival and has requested that the action taken by him may be approved.

2) In the circumstances reported by the Deputy Commissioner, the action taken by him is approved.

M. N. Ramaiah

For Muzrai Commissioner.

To

The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, with the records.

BRN.

No. C3-220/40-41.
Enc.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
BANGALORE DISTRICT.

Dated Bangalore, 15th September 1940.

From

Abdul Aziz Khan, Esq., B.A.,
The Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

To

Rukn-ul-mulk S. Abdul Wajid, Esq., B.A.,
.....Muzrai....*Commissioner in Mysore,*
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Re. the appointment of Archaks to the Sri Dharmarayaswami temple in Kalasurpet, Bangalore City.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your memo No.DI.CI.104/33-34 dated 11-11-1933, communicating the orders of Government approving of the arrangements made for the Archakship and also for carrying Karaga in the above temple, I have the honour to state that the said arrangement is reported to have been working satisfactorily and that the two temporary Archaks have been attending to their duties without giving room for any complaints so far, though they are under the influence of the so called party leaders Messrs. Munivenkatappa and Yerrappa Gowda, that the said party leaders often misuse their influence in the matter of selecting candidates for the Archakship in the event of the temporary archaks under their control fail/any inconvenience to attend to their duties, and bring in their persons from among their own parties whose head work would end in the failure of the proper conduct of the function (Karaga) causing disappointment to thousands of spectators who come from outside to witness the Karaga. This way, the recent karaga festival was a complete failure, owing to the selection of a "misfit" to carry the Karaga in place of Bodappa alias Ramaswami approved of by Government in their order referred to above

as he could not attend to the function owing to the pollusion on account of his mother's death just a day before the festival by the party leader Mr. Munivenkatappa whose party had to attend to the function of carrying the Karaga, this time and he is personally responsible for this mishap. It was, therefore, found necessary in the interests of the institution and the thousands of devotees and visitors that participate in the Karaga festival every year, that some arrangement should be made to avoid such mishaps by removing the evil influence that the party leaders were exercising over these temporary archaks. I have, therefore, ordered that the present temporary archaks who are practically the nominees of the two leading parties of the Thigalar community and whose work has been reported to be uniformally satisfactory all these years be confirmed in their appointments and directed to attend to their duties by rotation as hitherto fore, subject to the condition that in case any or both of the pujaries are unable to carry the karaga owing to any reason, the local revenue officer may nominate a suitable person irrespective of the party for performing the function during the Karaga festival. This provision is necessary to avoid obviate the difficulty that occurred last year. This action taken by me may kindly be approved.

I have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servant,

RS-Sunanagare

For Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

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No.C3-220/40-41.
Enc: one file.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District,
Dated, Bangalore, 15th March 1941.

From

Abdul Azeez Khan, B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

To

Fakr-ul-mulk
S. Abdul Wajid, Esq., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

S i r,

Subject:- Re. the appointment of archiks to the Sri Dharmarayaswamy Temple at Halsurpet, Bangalore City.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.C.460/40-41 dated 25th October 1940 calling for a further report as to whether it is not necessary to consult the Dharmadarsis and some leading devotees of the temple in the matter of nominating a suitable person as Pujari by the local Muzrai Officer in case any or both the Poojaries are unable to carry the Daraga owing to any reason, I have the honour to state that the Committee of Dharmadarsis of the temple consisting of the leading members of the several groups of the Thigalar communities are of opinion that the present Archiks are capable of carrying the Karaga and that in case of any difficulty arising, the local Muzrai Officer may select a suitable candidate under the special circumstances in consultation with the Dharmadarsis and devotees of the temple.

2. But, I do not think that consultation with the devotees who are always divided into different camps and opinions will help the speedy disposal of work at the last moment. I would, therefore, suggest that the recommendation already made in my letter of

even number dated 15th September 1940 in the matter of selecting a suitable candidate by the local Muzrai Officer in case of any break down at the last moment may kindly be approved as the Dharmadarsis of the templ are agreeable to this proposal in the main.

3. The file of records received with your letter under reference is retransmitted herewith.

I have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servant,

PS Ranganagouda

For Deputy Commissioner,
by Bangalore District.

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